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Section one of Public Act No. 13-187, ***An Act Concerning a School Nurse Advisory Council and An Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections***, calls for the School Nurse Advisory Council (SNAC) to advise the Commissioners of Public Health and Education and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly of Public Health and Education on matters relating to education and public health concerning (1) professional development for school nurses; (2) school nurse staffing levels; (3) the delivery of health care services by school nursesin schools and other matters that affect school nurses; (4) protocols for Emergency Medication Administration; and (5) protocols for evaluating certain temporary medical conditions that may be symptomatic of serious illnesses or injuries.

Members of the Council considered the needs of districts in Connecticut while developing the recommendations. Although some members of the Council support Professional Development as mandatory with participation in 12 hours of training, the Council majority limits training to recommendations at this time.

The Council respectfully asks that the law and regulations for school nurses be considered for revision in the future. Current law and regulations are dated 1982 and do not address the complexity of school health in 2017. The Council will expand their discourse for 2017-18 with a focus on the education and experience necessary to meet the needs of a diverse student population. The council submits the enclosed recommendations for 2017 for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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